



VolunteerBloomington!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "You have two hands - one for helping yourself, the other for helping others." ~ Audrey Hepburn

Feb. 5, 2014

Volunteer Firefighter

Are you interested in the protection of life, property and the environment? If you reside within one mile of Bloomington, Washington or Benton Townships in Monroe County, you can join the Bloomington Township Volunteer Fire Department! Extensive training in firefighting, hazardous material response, and CPR is provided. All firefighters must pass a physical to participate. Minimum age is 18. Please contact Jason Allen at (812) 339-1115 or 507@btfire.org. (www.btfire.org)

WonderLab Volunteer Training – Feb. 19

WonderLab Museum volunteers encourage visitors of all ages to explore hands-on exhibits and programs, and include teens, college students, scientists, educators, business people, parents and senior adults. There is no retirement age at WonderLab! Some volunteers bring a wide range of expertise, while others learn new skills on the job. Anyone who believes in the value of hands-on experience is welcome. WonderLab volunteers do not need a background in science; all training is provided. Upcoming trainings will be from 3:30-5 p.m. on Feb. 19, March 11 and May 20, and will be held at WonderLab. Minimum age is 12. Please contact Jeanne Gunning at volunteer@wonderlab.org or (812) 337-1337. (www.wonderlab.org)

Hospice Volunteers

Hospice volunteers need a special kind of caring and compassion, providing support to families at a very special time in their lives. Volunteer opportunities include office support, assisting the non-denominational spiritual counselor, delivering goodie bags, running errands, providing snacks, giving emotional support, and reading, writing or visiting with patients. Training is provided, including grief counseling. To volunteer through the RSVP 55+ Volunteer Program, volunteers must be age 55 or older and be available in Monroe or Owen County. Please contact Rebecca Nunley at (812) 876-3383 ext. 523 or rsvp@area10agency.org. (www.area10agency.org/rsvp)

Science Olympiad State Tournament – Mar. 22

About 1,500 people will be visiting Indiana University on March 22 for the Indiana State Science Olympiad Tournament, and you are invited to be a part of it! Volunteers will be critical to the success of the 23 middle and high school science competitions, held in astronomy, biology, chemistry, earth and atmospheric sciences, geology, engineering, mathematics, and physics. Those interested should complete the volunteer registration at the link below, including any specific areas of interest in the comments section, so they can match your interests and expertise to their volunteer needs. Those without a science background can assist with registration, timing, set-up and clean-up. Minimum age is 18; 16 if with an adult. Please contact Tina Gilliland, IU College of Arts and Sciences at (812) 855-5397 or mgillila@indiana.edu. (<https://www.indiana.edu/~soclub/state/volunteer.php>)

Friends of Susie's Place

Susie's Place Child Advocacy Center is committed to strengthening the community's ability to nurture and protect children and respond to child abuse. The "Friends of Susie's Place" group has developed new and innovative ways to raise funds for the center's varied needs. You are invited to work with this group to brainstorm, plan, and execute ideas for fundraising! Lower-commitment options, such as collecting gas cards and other donations, shopping, or cleaning the center occasionally would also be appreciated. Volunteers can also assist by organizing small fundraisers, such as dine-and-donate events at area restaurants. Minimum age is 18. Please contact Elise Headley at (812) 822-1570 or elise@susiesplace.org. (www.susiesplace.org)

Community Wish List Spotlight

Amethyst House

Provides a foundation for sober living through outpatient treatment and residential services for individuals suffering from drug and alcohol abuse. To grant a wish, contact Niki Angelaki at nangelaki@amethysthouse.org or (812) 336-3570. (www.amethysthouse.org)

Wishes: twin sheet sets, twin mattresses, pillows, bath towels, bath/kitchen floor mats, shower curtains, large crockpot, bowls (soup/cereal), coffee cups, plates, tupperware, spoons, toiletries, men's winter gloves and socks, men's black sport socks, journaling notebooks, AA and NA Big Books, Women In Recovery books

Use the Community Wish List to start a drive within your school, faith community or other group or take the list along shopping and add a few extra items to your cart. It WILL make a difference to those served by this organization.

The City of Bloomington Volunteer Network is your source for information about volunteering locally. For a complete listing, visit bloomington.in.gov/volunteer or call 349-3433. The inclusion of an organization in this list does not imply City endorsement or support of the organization's activities or policies.

